

Part 3 - Coming of age

Poor me (Poor old Thunderbolt),  
whatever shall I do?  
I just discovered that my "new" bike,  
is really not that new.

I'd planned some sort of birthday treat,  
next year when it turned "one".  
But Thunderbolt is "three" already,  
and I've been bloody done.

A woodsman's engine has "bump plate",  
to keep the sump from harm,  
It wasn't till i took it off,  
that it raised an alarm.

A split runs down the crankcase,  
joining two halves into one,  
But all along the centre,  
silver painted chewing gum.

A phone call to Watsonian,  
gave me all the facts,  
"You can rest assured, it left  
the factory like that!".

Not happy with the answer,  
the dealer I did ring,  
I was told, "That factory,  
they do some funny things!".

Again I was not happy so to  
factory did write,  
"This looks strange on Thunderbolt,  
it's given me a fright".

While I wait for a reply,  
the forum I shall write,  
Some really helpful people there,  
Who also love their bikes.

Top people there seem to agree,  
"Take it back bloody fast."  
It's not just me that thinks like this,  
I'm so glad that I asked!

Another guy said "Excuse me,  
did you say 'twenty ten',  
They had to take them all apart,  
the gears were bad back then!".

Poor Thunderbolt's been badly raped,  
then just thrown back together,  
Accepted that the bike was new,  
but should've known better.

It's held together with nuts and bolts,  
plus hex (or allen) screws,  
The engine ones look scratched and gnarled,  
That's nothing like brand new!

Another thing I noticed,  
poor bikes been left in the rain,  
Possibly explaining,  
rusty studs and nuts and chain.

What to do especially,  
as we are now in France,  
swapping bike in England,  
going to be a song and dance.

It's only just been sold first time,  
still two years warranty,  
the engine's quiet, bike rides so well,  
I might just wait and see.

Thunderbolt's so young and fit,  
A ride that is to savour,  
by doing what they did to it,  
have they done me a favour?

There's one false neutral (fifth to fourth),  
If i'm a little slack,  
Apart from that, can't fault the bike,  
don't want to send it back.

I'm too attached to Thunderbolt,  
I know that we won't part,  
but here's a word of warning,  
to those who upset my heart,

Watsonian and dealer,  
I'm really on to you,  
you EVER. EVER, try again,  
it's YOU i'll £\*\*\*ing screw!

I promise next year Thunderbolt,  
your birthday will be more,  
I'm sorry that i missed your first,  
we'll celebrate your fourth!

